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## 02/13/2013 Minutes

## VISION 2020 FISCAL RESOURCES TASK GROUP Meeting Minutes 02/21/13

ATTENDEES: Gordon Jamieson (CoChair), David Garbarino (CoChair), Heather Remoff, Jonathan Haughton, Pete Howard (Secretary)

WATER & SEWER PROJECT: A final draft was approved. Gordon & David will sign. Gordon will present to BoS on Mon 2/25. Pete noted that Ryan Ferrara, the FinCom member who reviews the W&S Enterprise Fund, has encouraged the DPW to address some of the issues in the letter. He believes there is a study under way. All members urged to attend BoS meeting.

BUSINESS ASSESSMENTS: We reviewed a revised draft letter to the assessors (Ref 1). Jonathan has gathered tax collection data from 1990 through 2012. He showed a chart of total property tax collections w/ & w/o inflation correction (Ref 2). He used data from the DoR data base and from Annual Reports. The Director of Planning reviewed this chart and commented that several parcels zoned for commercial use have been redeveloped for residential use by special permit. She believes this is undesirable and will be addressed in the Master Plan. Jonathan will provide charts for the letter showing the loss of assessed value of CIP properties.

ONGOING PROJECTS:

MY TAX DOLLARS: TOWN WI-FI: HUMAN CAPITAL: LAND VALUE TAX: HUMAN CAPITAL: GOOGLE GROUP FOR FRTG

NEXT MEETING Mar 21 and 3d Thursday on subsequent months.

Ref 1 Draft Letter to Assessors Ref 2 Property Tax Collection History 1990-2012.